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Concerned Citizens Work to Help Community

Living and surviving in the sometimes dark streets of the Tenderloin, is a cadre of concerned citizens working for the benefit of their neighborhood and community, the Tenderloin.

On November 28, 1977, a meeting of the North of Market Task Force (NOMTF) was held on lower Turk Street. Their concern - a full fledged clinic for the residents of this area. As it stands now, the nearest clinic, aside from the Hospitality House Clinic, is two neighborhoods away. Medical help in the Tenderloin for those under 55 years of age, is based on a fractured 9 to 5 system. People who need help now, have only San Francisco General to look forward to.

One resident spokesperson, Richard Nelson, stated, "We want the community to know there is a group here (the Tenderloin) going out to help other people who live in the area by trying to establish a clinic for the people of the Tenderloin and not going after a pie in the sky."

There was due concern about input from the community - about what they wanted in the form of a clinic, although one out of twelve people at the meeting was not a resident of the Tenderloin.

"We should research the entire neighborhood to be damn sure we know what the people want in a clinic and not make educated guesses for them," were the words of NOMTF chairperson, Seth Stewart.

Plans were drawn up to formulate a questionaire for the residents of the community to gather the col-

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Meals on Wheels Delivers The Goods in Tenderloin

Meals on Wheels of San Francisco, a non-profit corporation serving hot meals to homebound persons, has recently expanded its service to include the Tenderloin and the surrounding downtown area.

Serving the Richmond, Sunset, Ingleside, Mission and Catheoral Hill, Meals on Wheels currently delivers to about twenty people in the downtown area from its kitchens at the Trinity Church at Bush and Gough.

For the price of $2 a day Meals on Wheels will deliver a breakfast of milk and cereal, a lunch consisting of a sandwich, salad and fruit. Then between 3 and 5 o'clock they will serve a hot dinner with a meat entree, two vegetables and dessert. Meals are delivered twice daily in insulated containers, four days a week (Monday thru Thursday) with the menu changing daily. However there is no precise schedule of menus and they are unable to cater to special diets. They will also serve extra food on Thursday if needed for the weekend.

Meals on Wheels will deliver to anyone regardless of age or economic status. Their only stipulation is that the recipient must be homebound, whether by handicap or temporary illness and a lack of adequate cooking facilities.

Meals on Wheels is funded by private contributions, the San Francisco Dept. of Public Health and a match grant from the Commission on aging which matches every dollar in donations received

All food is delivered by volunteers using their own cars except in the Tenderloin where for some reason, they were unable to find volunteers to make deliveries and have since hired two people to cover the downtown area.

Meals on Wheels executive director is Darrwin B. Jones and the administrative assistant is Edward Wohr. They will celebrate their seventh year of operation on Dec. 17.

People who feel they are in need of this service are encouraged to call 864-6470 between 9 and 5 o'clock for more information. Those who feel that they would like to support this service are encouraged to send tax deductable donations to 2940 16th Street, Rm. 303, S.F. 94123.

Survey Uncovers Startling Facts

Some startling facts show up from a cursory examination of the recent North of Market Community Planning Task Force demographic survey. Sixty percent of the entire population in the Tenderloin area have an income at or below the poverty level. a crucial point when considering that the national H.E.W. poverty level standard for a single person household is about $790 per month.

According to the survey, the Tenderloin neighborhood does have a balanced mixture of elderly, middle age and younger persons, about 30 to 35 percent in each age group However, about 80 percent of the entire population is composed of single unrelated individuals, a significant trend which has been in effect since 1960. The transient factor for persons 18 to 30 in the neighborhood is very high, nearly 30 percent. This means that almost one

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EDITORIALS --- Community & Opinion

Spirit of Christmas Is Jesus' Message to World

by Ray Cornelius

Christmas issue editorials always present a problem because of the religious implications involved in the event and the religious diversity in this multi-ethnic multi-religious society.

But Christmas can not be ignored and it will not go away. Its impact on inhabitants of the world every year is unbelievable. Going back to the basics, it is found, according to the World Book Encyclopedia, 1977 edition, that Jesus Christ was founder of the Christian religion. "Christians believe that He is the Son of God who was sent to earth to save mankind. Even many persons who are not Christians believe that He was a great and wise teacher. He probably influenced humanity more than anyone who ever lived.

"The name Jesus in Hebrew means Savior, or help of the Lord. His followers called him the Messiah, or anointed of the Lord. The name Christ comes from the Greek word Christos, which means anointed one.

"The teachings of Jesus united people from many lands into a great religious movement that is now the most widespread in the world. Muhammad, the founder of Islam, regarded Jesus as a great prophet and adopted many of His ideas. Democratic beliefs in equality, responsibility, and care of the weak owe much to Jesus' lessons in brotherhood and love."

Unfortunately, it would be misleading or dishonest to ignore the other side of the coin. The unifying factor of belief in Jesus' teachings has provided the opportunity for many people to get together and wage some of the most massive and bloody wars in the history of mankind -- sometimes against each other.

The unifying factor was also used as an instrumentality for exploitation by promising the exploited a reward in the afterlife, thus making their docility more palatable during their corporeal existence to both the oppressed and oppressor.

In addition, adventurers, opportunists, and soldiers of many nations in the centuries after Christ, often used the rationalization, to ease their conscience, that they were saving the exploited peoples' immortal soul even though they were oppressing them. These wrongs existed then and now, although in modern times uder a fantastic number of guises. But they can not exist now and could not have existed before if the true spirit of Christmas was not only celebrated but LIVED by enough people all year long.

Which brings us to the question, "What is the spirit of Christmas?" The spirit of Christmas is the teachings of Jesus. His message for all times and all peoples is love and brotherhood. Whether He was a manlike god or a godlike man becomes insignificant in comparison with this message. The message is all! Else, He could not have been slain by all the machinations and force arrayed against Him on that fateful day when He was nailed to a cross and expired three hours later, outside the city of Jerusalem on a hill called Golgotha or Calvary.

At risk of appearing to beat a dead horse we state that the meaning of this editorial is to make apparent that the spirit of Christmas or the message of Jesus Christ will not amount to a hill of beans in the course of the history of mankind if we allow one week of celebration to cloak our errors of omission for an entire year.

If brotherhood and love is good for one week, make it work for ever.

Inquiring Reporter by Craig Radden

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO CHRISTMAS?

LOCALITY ASKED: HOSPITALITY HOUSE. LEAVENWORTH STREET.

WANDA (DUSTY) DOUGHTY-HOUSEWIFE: "I am having a big dinner for Christmas. Get a little high. A couple of friends will drop over. I will watch my daughter open her Christmas presents and I will be trying to keep in the Christmas spirit."

SPIDER-MIME: "I will be working on Christmas but it doesn't matter because it's not my religion. But I will be celebrating Chanukah."

SUSAN (MISTY) SMULL-EXPECTANT MOTHER: "I might be in the hospital having my baby which I hope will be a boy. If I'm not in the hospital, then I will be having dinner with my friends."

JOAN MARIE LAWLOR (LERRIE)-HOUSEWIFE: "Probably go to a party."

JEAN LAROSCIA-HOSPITALITY HOUSE VISITOR: "I probably will be in Houston. But if I stay here in San Francisco, I plan to get stoned out of my gourd. If I end up in Houston, I still plan to get stoned out of my gourd."

LYLE CARPENTER-JACK--OF--ALL--TRADES: "Probably work. I don't have anything planned."

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The Tenderloin Times wishes to express its gratitude to the South of Market organization and director Russel Robles for its indispensable help in publishing this newspaper through use of their facilities and expertise.

Tenderloin Times Changes to Meet Needs

by Peter McCarthy

The Tenderloin Times is under going some policy changes that hopefully will make this newspaper a part of the life style of the residents of the Tenderloin. This area is surely in need of a viable source of news that affects people in this neighborhood. Sure, it's good news that the Saudi's and Isrealis are making peace overtures four thousand miles away, but won't it be better to know how Supervisor Ella Hutch Hill votes on such and such, something that most affects you?

The changes were facilitated to make sure this paper appears on the street when it's supposed to, to make it a viable news resource for the Tenderloin.

But let me turn the table around. I know you've heard this many times before, but this is to be your paper. You have to make it happen. A paper cannot exist on three person staff. We need your input, we need your articles we need your reporting, we need your help in publishing. This paper will be issued on the 1st and 15th of every month. Deadlines for non-topical items are nine days before issuance, six days for topical items

With your help, people will be amazed at how healthy and rapidly we grow.

Maybe XMAS Won't be Best But Spirit is Willing

It's December, the temperature refuses to drop (average mean - 54.6° Fahrenheit) and it has rained so infrequently that snow for Christmas seems impossible, however, the decorations keep going up, the yuletide carols ring out and there will be a Christmas observance in a very special place, the Tenderloin.

Nobody has to drag nostalgia out of the woodwork to remind the residents of this area that things seemed better during the holidays when the years were tenderer. As for the younger generation, perhaps they will look forward to better times and happier places.

In a section of the city where so few family ties exist and not many close friendships survive, one could wonder if Christmas is relevant. Probably not, if it is only for families and friends. But in Western countries it seems that the underlying feeling about Christmas is that it's for strangers. This becomes evident when one considers that people everywhere are basicly nice to their families and friends all year, but it takes a special event for them to be uniformly kind and courteous to others.

So, while the rest of the city gather in family groups and entertain friends in pleasant surroundings, the Tenderloin's socially battered and economically beleaguered citizens will in their own way carry on the Christmas tradition. By exchanging gifts of friendly smiles and wishing the world a "Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year."

That takes class.

Community Notes

For anyone who is interested there's a Police and Community meeting every month at Central Station in North Beach.

The people who live and work in the Tenderloin are invited to attend and contribute to the meetings.

Each month there is a guest speaker. The Fire Chief was there for November and questions were asked concerning his department. Also two policemen, who have been newly assigned to the Tenderloin area, spoke.

The meetings consist of people who have questions, suggestions and complaints about their communities.

If you are interested in attending, please come down to the basement of Hospitality House and speak to Clark or Dorothy in the Ethnograph is Research project.

The primary care clinic at Central City Hospitality House will close early today (5 pm) and will be closed for the yuletide holidays begining December 23 and extending through January 3, it was announced today by Dale Sutherland, RN, clinic staff nurse.

CRISIS NUMBERS

CRISIS NUMBERS		FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS	
POLICE	553-2103	MUNI	673-6864
FIRE	861-8020	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION	558-4901
AMBULANCE	431-2800	PUBLIC LIBRARY	558-4101
DRUG LINE	752-3400	DIAL-A-STORY	626-6516
POISON CONTROL	431-2800	POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS	553-1231
SUICIDE LINE	221-1424	S.P.C.A.	621-1700
CITY PRISON	553-1441	CITY HALL	558-6161
MISSING PERSONS	553-1322	SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH DEPARTMENT	553-3831
S.F. GENERAL HOSP.	565-8200	POST OFFICE	556-2500
IMMIGRATION	556-3930	ZIP CODE INFO	556-7793
RAPE	647-RAPE	MOBILE ASSISTANCE PATROL	431-7400
RED CROSS	776-1500		

ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH TEAM COMES TO "TOWN"

by Toby Marotta

Anthropology is the study of how people live. Ethnography is anthropology that focuses on the origins, nature, distribution, and relations among social groups and on the interactions among social groups and their physical, social, political, and cultural environments.

The Tenderloin Ethnographic Research Project is a Hospitality House-sponsored, CETA-funded study of social groups and their environments in the forty-four blocks bounded by Larkin, Market, Powell and Post. TERP's goal is to discover what the major groups that make up the Tenderloin are, what their lifestyles are like, how they relate to one another, and how they deal and are dealt with by community-based property-owners, businessmen, and service providers, and by larger political, economic, social and cultural systems.

Information of this kind, which will be made available in periodic reports and in a final community symposium, has many practical uses. It will help those who live and work in the Tenderloin to understand themselves and their neighbors. It will make it possible for institutions based in the Tenderloin to know who they can serve, how and why. It will give policy makers and administrators at the district, city, state, and federal levels a sense of what the Tenderloin is, how it has evolved, what its real needs are, and how they can be dealt with.

There are four and a half members of the TERP research team. Clark Taylor, who conceptualized the project and helped get it funded, is an anthropologist. Toby Marotta, who became interested in Hospitality House after attending the Writers' Workshop is a political sociologist. Dorothy Rutherford and her three-year-old son, Joseph, who lived for one year near the corner of Leavenworth and Hyde, are learning how anthropologists and sociologists go about studying a community while introducing the academic newcomers to their friends and neighbors. Ron Silliman, a writer and poet, is supporting his habit by managing the TERP office.

Members of the TERP research team have begun their study by pursuing different projects. Toby and Dorothy have spent their time making a detailed map of Tenderloin establishments. Clark and Dorothy have unearthed Tenderloin history and begun to explore relationships between local groups and the police. Joseph has spent most of his time investigating the day care center at the YMCA. As the researchers have begun to specialize, Ron has taken charge of coordinating their efforts, helping them share information, and overseeing the office and its files.

In the months ahead, Toby and Dorothy plan to focus on relationships between local service agencies and their clienteles. Toby is particularly interested in the services provided sexual minorities. Dorothy is eager to study agencies that deal with the elderly. Clark and Dorothy plan to continue their work on police-community relations and continue constructing the history of the Tenderloin through research in the libraries and archives of the city. They will also be collecting the oral history and traditions of the neighborhood and will be interviewing those of you who have been around for a-while.

Those who have information that might be of use can find us at the TERP office in the basement of Hospitality House. Except for Joseph who usually finds the crafts center on the main floor more stimulating.

Musical Notes by Richard

The Jefferson Starship continues its struggle to hold a free concert in Golden Gate Park an annual tradition started by the Jefferson Airplane more than 10 years ago and continued up until 1976. The Starship has been turned down by the Park and Recreation Commission again this year, as it was last year. Paul Kantner, Starship rhythm guitarist/songwriter vocalist, has been actively pursuing the matter for the band. At the last meeting with the commission, the Starship was told that the Polo Field and both Lindley and Speedway Meadows were out of the question. According to Bernice Rodgers the park's associate director in charge of special activities, the Polo Field is not appropriate because "large crowds would damage it and the Polo Field is under construction at present".

The Starship has submitted three alternate concerts dates, in April, July and August of 1978.

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lective thoughts of the Tenderloin. The next process is to formulate these ideas, organize a planning committee, contact District 4 and 7 Supervisors Elect, Ella Hutch Hill and Robert Gonzales for support. Next is to make various contacts with the media, a press conference, and get the ball rolling.

The mailing address for the North of Market (NOMTF) is: NOMTF, 455 Eddy St. #1507, San Francisco, Ca. 94109.

Startling Facts Uncovered - -

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out of every four young men and women living in the Tenderloin is either stopping over or just passing through

Part of this uniquely diverse neighborhood's fascination for the rest of the city is the fact that it is the preferred housing for:

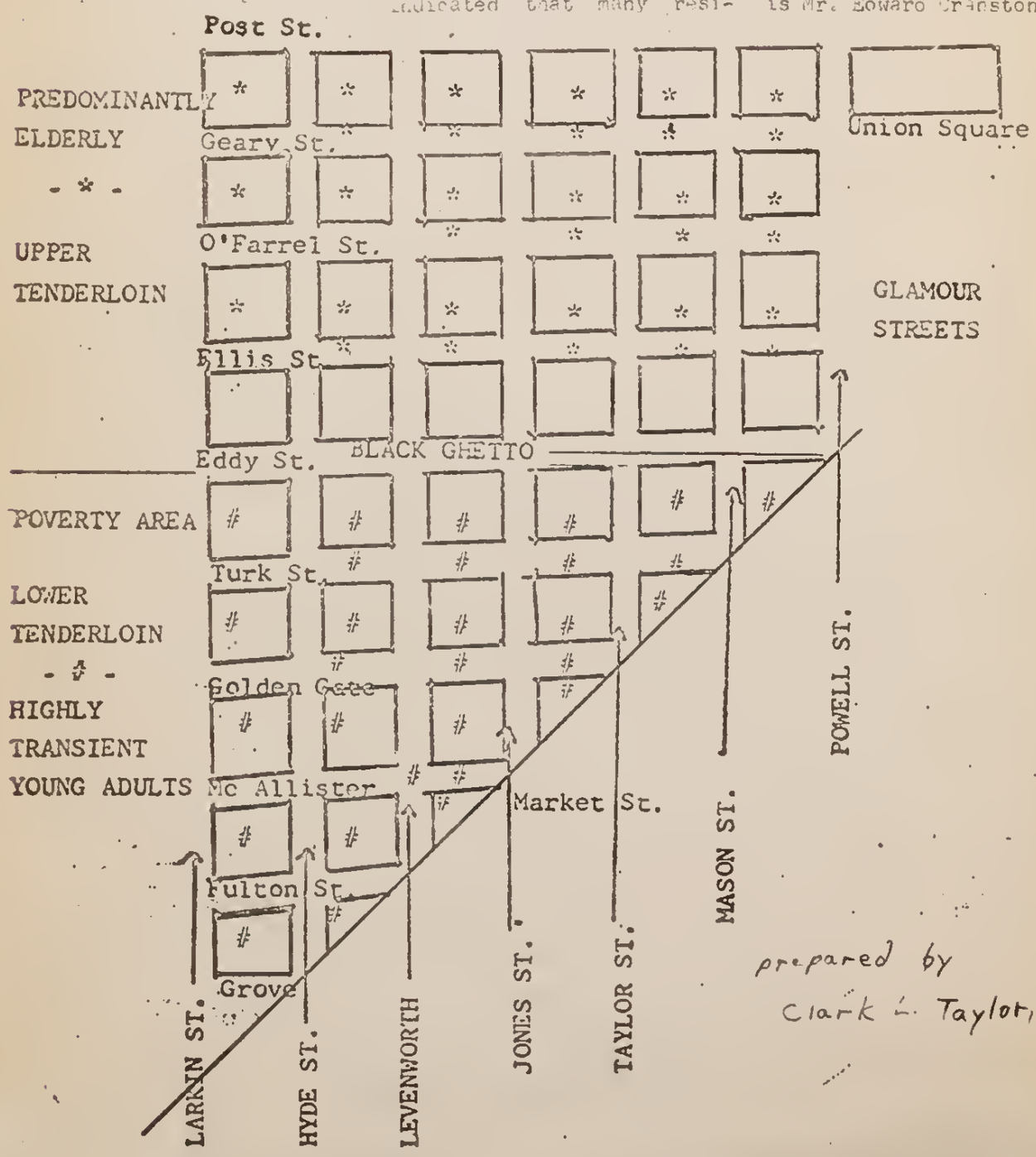
- -- the elderly
- --persons who are young
- --those living on low income levels
- -- transient or new arrivals in San Francisco
- -- single parents with children
- -- persons who like to live alone
- --persons who are gay
- -- persons who work in the financial district or downtown retail business center and
- -- persons having an impact all out of proportion to their actual number, who engage in street crime, prostitution, drug use and traffic, robbery, burglary, arson and other criminal activity.

Further breakdown shows that males outnumber females 59 percent to 41 percent. Due to high unemployment and a large number of incomes below the poverty level the Tenderloin last year had a ratio of welfare caseloads almost 50 percent higher than San Francisco as a whole.

Cost of living which evokes such deep concern from people in all classes lays a blight on the low income groups in the Tenderloin. A 1977 San Francisco Department of City Planning study indicated that many residents spend 30 to 50 percent of their total monthly incomes on rent.

The North of Market Community Planning Task Force, which made the demographic survey, hopes to help solve some of the social, economic and health problems prevalent in the Tenderloin through its research, recommendations and positive action.

The force is headed by Chairperson Miss Naomi de Gracia; 1st Vice Chairperson Dennis L. Stone, M.D.; 2nd Vice Chairperson Barry King, and Task Force Members Mr. Seth Stewart, Mrs Thelma Kavanagh, Mr. Edward Cranston, Mrs. Cynthia Dean, Mr. Leroy Looper, Mr, Mark Forrester, Mr. Richard Nelson, Mr. Jim Patten and Mrs. Sharon Hagan. The Staff is Mr. Edward Cranston.



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A Morality Crusade in the Erogenous Zone

by Clark Taylor

This article is about the Tenderloin in 1917 when it was a much swankier part of town than it is now. North Beach (the infamous Barbary Coast) was a dump at the time, while the Tenderloin was famous for its theaters, cafes and fancy houses of prostitution (Parlor Houses). For just as it is now, the Tenderloin was one of the city's most imocrtant "pleasure zones." In fact, considering how popular flirting and sexual activity were, it would be more accurate to call the Tenderloin the city's "erogenous zone."

Many of our grandparents went to the Tenderloin for entertainment and mutual sexual satisfaction. But then as now Tenderloin sexual games were also a source of livelihood for others (i.e. the whores, hustlers, pimps, business owners; and police on the take). Everything went fairly well for those who enjoy sexual recreation until a new sexual entrepreneur came into town. His name was Paul Smith and he was a preacher. Paul made his money by being concerned about people's sexual morals, by telling them how to behave so as to avoid earthquakes and drought. He was particularly concerned about people's crotches. What the people of the Tenderloin considered entertainment and innocent pleasure, Paul viewed as a terrible danger. He denounced the officials, police and "respectable" people of San Francisco for letting such "obscene" behavior go unchecked and demanded action. Though there was considerable resistance to Smith, he managed to have the Tenderloin closed down tighter than ever before or since.

Considering the constant police harassment of those who engage in sexual play in the Tenderloin and the occasional raids which are endured, it is enlightening to look at the behavior "respectable" people thought so dangerous in 1917. Here is a list of reforms announced by Mayor James Rolph in an article in the Examiner on January 24, 1917:

1. No dancing in cafes during weekday afternoons nor at any hour on Sunday.
2. All boxes and booths to be removed from cafes and restaurants.
3. No unescorted women permitted to enter any cabaret dancing type of cafe at night.
4. Female entertainers and other female employees of cafes not to mingle with guests.
5. No minor females permitted to dance in any cabaret dancing cafe.
6. No flirtations to be permitted among patrons of any cafe.
7. No introductions of men and women patrons by employees of cafes.
8. All so-called parlor houses in the uptown district to be closed.
9. All vicious and lawless resorts such as the Hotel Mason otherwise called "The Bucket of Blood" to be suppressed.
10. French restaurants to be compelled to keep a real register of guests.

Many of the concerns in 1917 seem funny in retrospect. But were they funny to those who were basted, run out of town or who lost their cafes and bars? Standards of public sexual conduct are arbitrary at best and the claims to superior knowledge by morality crusaders about how God wishes us to express our affection and enjoyment of one another's company are as conceited and self-righteous as they are absurd. One wonders if the moral crusaders and sexual entrepreneurs of today will look as curious 60 years hence as their predecessors do now and if such people will ever wise up and leave ordinary people alone.

Sympathetic Job Ad Offers Chance to Woman

This notice of recruitment for employment was submitted to the Tenderloin Times through the courtesy of the Hospitality House.

Because of the content and the sympathetic tenor of the information it is being run in full:

Hospitality House,

One of our women helpers in our associated group (ex-offender community project) [illegible] leaving for school. We [illegible] a replacement to assist our remaining woman (20 yrs. old). If you know some one interested in assisting others who needs help also, please refer her to us (please -- no one presently on drugs or Methadone). She will share a three bedroom home with two staff people --a woman and a male.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely,
Roney R. Nunes
Program Director

The body of the notice is:

San Jose: Woman 16 to 35 years old (one child O.K.) will be furnished own room, [illegible] and bicycle in [illegible] for assisting social activist involved in men and women prisoners' rights, penal and mental health reforms. Duties consisting of [illegible], research for articles, some intra-state travel and responding to prisoners' mail. Typing helpful - will train. Probable fulltime paid position in prisoner reform work when money grant approved by gov't agency. Can work parttime elsewhere for extra money. Privacy assured; no imposition on personal life expected. Present female helper leaving for college.

This ad must be answered as soon as possible.

Due to the nature and qualifications of the ad, those who are interested and reply through the Hospitality House, will be interviewed and screened before receiving recommendation to the project director.

Tenderloin Times Wishes Everyone Merry Christmas And Happy New Year